REMARKS

Claims 2-19 are presently pending in the case. Claim 1 is cancelled hereby and claims 2-19 have been added. The new claims are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. For example, support for new claim 2 can be found at least on page 5 lines 1-12; for new claim 6 at least on page 6 lines 15-16; for new claims 7 and 8 at least on page 4 lines 1-2 and on page 9 lines 23-26; for new claims 9 and 10 at least on page 13 lines 15-18, and for new claim 11 at least from the table on page 20.

Consideration of the present case in view of the amendments herein is requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

An information disclosure statement and 1449 in compliance with MPEP section 609 is being filed under separate cover.

Conclusion

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number given below.

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